

Some Railroad Dope.

That the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway, the great proposed line which is to connect the Tennessee coal fields with the Atlantic seaboard at Southport, N. C., and upon which work has already begun near the North Carolina-Tennessee state line, has entered into negotiations looking toward the purchase of the Greenville & Knoxville Railway and the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern railway, with the view of getting into possession of a route from the west to either the South Carolina or the Georgia coast, via the city of Greenville, is the startling rumor which gained currency yesterday among a possible half-dozen business men of this city. The rumor was taken up by a representative of The News and traced to a certain source, and there the rumor was confirmed. The source from which this information was secured cannot be divulged, but the confirmation of the report is thoroughly reliable and little short of authoritative.

For some time past reports have reached Greenville ever and anon that the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway, whose main line is to be from the Tennessee coal fields near Knoxville, to Southport, N. C., was desirous of getting into possession of a route by which a branch of the same road could be built from Waynesville, N. C., to Charleston, Port Royal, Savannah or Brunswick, via Greenville.

The rumor floated about Greenville for some time, and finally died the death of most rumors. Not long since, however, there turned up in Greenville something which resurrected old rumors. The mayor of Brevard spent several days in Greenville examining old records in the office or register of mesne conveyance. Mr. Breese, Brevard's mayor, stated that he was representing the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway, but that he had nothing to give out for publication. While in the city, however, he purchased from the receiver of the old C. K. & W. railway the rights of way and other holdings of the system which was to have been built from the west to Hamburg, an old town near Augusta. Mayor Breese did not state what he wanted with the old rights of way, but since he stated that he was representing the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway, and has inasmuch as it had been rumored that that railway company was seeking a route, via Greenville, to some point on the South Carolina or the Georgia coast, people drew their own conclusions.

Last Wednesday, Mr. W. H. Patterson, president of the Greenville & Knoxville railway, made a trip to this city. Wednesday night two gentlemen from New York, representing the South Atlantic Transcontinental railway, came to Greenville. Since Mr. Patterson made reservations for the gentlemen, it was supposed that he had business with them. Upon being interviewed at his hotel Wednesday night, however, Mr. Patterson stated that he had no business with the two representatives. He did state, however, that the gentlemen were friends of his and that they had come to Greenville for the purpose of conferring next day with certain attorneys of this city. The attorneys with whom the Trans-

continental representatives conferred next day could not be discovered on Thursday, and here the newspaper man quit the trail temporarily.

The report bobbed up yesterday that negotiations had been entered into between the Transcontinental Railway, for the purchase of the Greenville & Knoxville Railway and the Knoxville, Sevierville and Eastern Railway, and the trail was again taken up. The newspaper man secured a statement from a most reliable source that there was an abundance of truth in the report concerning these negotiations, and that within a few days the public would, in all probability, hear rather startling news in this connection.

As is well known, Mr. W. H. Patterson is president of the Greenville & Knoxville Railway company. Mr. Asa Candler, the Atlanta "Coca Cola King," Mr. J. S. Owens and other Atlanta capitalists are deeply interested, financially, in the company. It was stated yesterday that President Patterson had already been approached by representatives of the South Atlantic Transcontinental railway. The attitude of Mr. Patterson toward the proposition of the Transcontinental people, it was said yesterday, is considered favorable.

The Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern Railway, connecting Knoxville with the county seat of Sevier county, thirty miles away, is now owned by William J. Oliver, the Knoxville financier and "railroad wizard." People throughout this section are familiar with the steps which have been taken to have Mr. Oliver build his road eastward, and Mr. Patterson extend his road westward until a connection was made and Greenville given a short-haul, competitive line to the coal fields of Tennessee and the great trading centers of the Middle Western States, and the great Middle Southern States connected with the coast of the Carolinas.

Should the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway company get into possession of the Greenville & Knoxville and the Knoxville, Sevierville and Eastern railways, the desire of the promoters of that road to get a line from the Tennessee coal fields, via Greenville, to some city on the South Carolina or the Georgia coast would be realized.

That Mr. William J. Oliver knows of the desires of the Transcontinental Railway, is said to be a fact. Whether or not he would sell out the K. S. & E. railway to the Transcontinental people, is not a question for discussion here.

Above all, however, this much is known, and the source of the statement is authoritative: the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway Co. has to its credit in the banks of New York sufficient moneys to purchase the K. S. & E. and the G. and C. railways, and have some left over.—Greenville News.

Secret Order Meetings.

Masonic—A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon.
Chapter—R. A. M. meets Friday nights on or after the full moon.
K. of P.—Meets every Monday night after the first and third Sundays.
W. O. W.—Meets every first and third Tuesday nights.
City Council meets Tuesday nights after first Mondays.

Rural School Improvement.

PICKENS, Aug. 21. To Teachers and Trustees: The South Carolina School Improvement Association is doing an excellent work in the state in helping to improve rural schools. They are offering some excellent premiums this year. Ten of the prizes are for \$100 each, and forty at \$50 each. All schools that want one of these prizes should write at once to Miss Lizzie Rogers, Bennettsville, S. C., or Miss Isadora Williams, Easley, S. C. I hope several schools of this county will secure prizes this year.
R. T. HALLUM,
Co. Supt. Ed.

PRIZES FOR 1911.

The South Carolina School Improvement Association offers fifty prizes to the schools of the state for the most decided material improvement during a given length of time. Ten of the prizes are to be \$100 each. Regulations concerning the fifty prizes that are to be awarded by this association are as follows:

1. Improvements must be made between November 1, 1910, and December 10, 1911.
 2. Prizes will be awarded to schools where the most decided material improvements have been made during the time mentioned.
 3. Under material improvements are included local taxation, consolidation, new buildings and outbuildings, repairing and painting old ones, libraries, reading rooms or tables, interior decorations, beautifying yards, better drinking water, and better general equipment.
 4. No school can compete for any of these prizes unless it is a rural school. No town with more than 400 population shall be eligible to the contest.
 5. All who wish to enter this contest must send names and descriptions of schools before improvements are made to the president prior to October 1st, using blank No. 1.
 6. All descriptions, photographs and other evidences showing improvements must be sent to the president before December 15, 1911, using blank No. 2. The chairman of the board of trustees of any school that is competing for a prize must approve all descriptions before and after improvements are made, and refer same to county superintendent of education for his approval and signature.
 7. Blanks will be sent to schools competing for the above prizes with questions to be answered relating to the conditions under which the improvements have been made. The examining committee will examine this data, and awards will be made.
 8. Prizes will be awarded in checks December 31, 1911. The prizes are to be used for further improvements in the schools receiving them—either for interior or exterior improvements.
 9. Other schools being equal, those schools using designs for new buildings suggested by the Clemson Extension Bulletin will be given preference.
- Address all communications to Miss Lizzie Rogers, Pres't S. C. School Imp. Ass'n, Bennettsville, S. C.
- Write Prof. R. E. LEE, Clemson College, for the Extension Bulletin.
- Constitution of the Local School Improvement Ass'n.
- Art. 1, Sec. 1. The name of

this organization shall be the "Association for the Improvement of the ——— Public School."

Art. 2, Sec. 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to unite all the people of this community for the improvement of our public school (1), by placing the school facilities for health, comfort and education, together with objects of beauty; (2), by planting, trees, shrubs and flowers in the school grounds; (3), by encouraging the establishment of a library in the school; (4), by making the school a center for the community, by furnishing instructive amusements.

Art. 3, Sec. 1. Any white woman or child interested in this work may become an active member without the payment of a fee of 25 cents.

Art. 4, Sec. 1. The officers of this association shall be: A president, a vice-president, a secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting.

Sec. 1, Art. 5. This association shall meet regularly once a month, or oftener, at the call of the president.

Art. 6, Sec. 1. This association shall send to the secretary of the County School Improvement Association a formal report of its progress annually. This report shall be sent in one month before the meeting of the State School Improvement Association.

Art. 7, Sec. 1. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

PICKENS, R. 4.

Health and crops both good in this community, considering the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Childress visited around in this vicinity last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Martin visited relatives in Central last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Crenshaw spent one day last week with Mrs. W. M. Martin.

Miss Irene Hendricks spent the 4th Sunday with Miss Essie Kelley. The girls report a jolly time.

Miss Nina Haynes, of Liberty, R. 3, spent last week with Misses Cora and Clifford Martin, and of course had their usual good time.

J. M. Trotter and mother, Mrs. Clardy, spent last Saturday with Mrs. W. M. Martin.

Mr. Tom Kelley is now sporting around in a new buggy.

Born, unto Mr. and Mrs. John Childs, a fine girl.

Misses Cora and Clifford Martin spent a few days last week with their grandmother, Mrs. D. Collins, of Crow Creek section.

Mrs. Roper spent one evening last week with Mrs. W. M. Martin.

Look out, girls, the new buggies are flying high.

Mr. — Wood escorted his best girl home Sunday.

Mr. E. P. Norton called on his "divinity" Sunday afternoon.

Married, at the home of the probate judge, on the 24th ult., Miss Rany Babb and Mr. Wheeler Collins. The comely bride wore a beautiful gray silk dress with hat to match. They are now at their future home to their many friends. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.
"S—'s DARLING."

PICKENS, R. 3.

We are having some fine showers, which are very bene-

ficial to late crops.

Mrs. E. P. Holder, of this section, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Wood, of Belton.

Mrs. W. I. Gravley has been on a visit to her niece, Mrs. Sam Kelley, of Central.

Miss Esther Edens, of Pickens, is visiting her friend, Miss Emma Welborn, of this section.

Miss Mary Mosley, of Piedmont, is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. C. Ivans.

Born, on the 26th ult., to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens, a fine girl.

Mr. A. W. Gravley and little sons, Horace and Marvin, accompanied by his nieces, Misses Louise and Annie Gravley, returned Tuesday of last week from a most enjoyable trip to North Carolina, where they visited relatives, and also "took in" Lake Toxaway while there.

SCHOOL GIRLS.

SIX MILE.

The people of this section are working around in the fodder field—when it isn't raining.

The Six Mile Baptist Academy opened school on Tuesday, the 6th.

Rev. Henry O'Kelley preached a very interesting sermon at Six Mile, Sunday night.

Misses Eula and Malenia Baker spent Sunday with their friends, Misses Nannie, Mary and Vanie Hummick. A fine time is reported by the young ladies.

Mr. W. S. McGraw was in this village one day last week. He has just returned from his trip to England. His many friends were glad to see him.

Mr. Benj. Stephens, a well-known old gentleman, was laid to rest in the Six Mile cemetery last Friday.

BLUE BOY.

In Memoriam.

On August 27th, 1911, the Death Angel visited the home of our sister, Mrs. J. P. Alexander of Easley Cotton Mill village and claimed her for his own.

She had pellagra and had been sick ever since March, but she gradually grew worse until she lost her mind.

She suffer'd greatly ere she died But now she's by her Saviour's side.

Where all her sufferings now are o'er Upon that happy golden shore.

She leaves a husband and three little children, a father and four brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

Her remains were laid to rest the day following her death at the Easley Cotton Mill cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. We wish to thank her neighbors for the kindness toward her.
C. M. S.

List of Petit Jurors.

The following gentlemen have been drawn to serve at the next term of court which convenes the fourth Monday in September:

J. S. H. Price, McD. Farmer, B. C. Baker, Jasper Oats, Parker J. Brown, H. D. Lesley, J. C. Brock, T. E. Craig, W. E. Edens Sr., S. A. McAlister, Geo. E. Kennemore, John H. Cheatham, Glenn L. Boggs, Wm. Ellis, C. T. Hughes, J. T. Gassaway, J. T. Porter, J. R. Latham, Jno. T. Langston, J. C. Gravley, J. D. Nations, G. W. Julian, Thos. N. Davidson, Elliott Williams, Chas. H. Carpenter, H. E. Hamilton, Jake H. Gillespie, T. O. Allgood, Joel R. Griffin, J. Ashmore Hinton, E. B. Ramsey, W. J. B. Chapman, Thos. J. Keith, C. L. Cureton, J. W. Yates, Joe A. Holder.

Words From the Pacific Slope.

Mr. Editor and Readers of the Pickens Sentinel-Journal of "Home, Sweet Home:"

After two or more years of rambling in the far west on the Pacific slopes, will try and give you a bit of my experience.

I left home on April 12th, 1909, and since that time I have had the pleasure of being in 18 states and have seen many things of this country of ours that I never at one time thought I would see. The prettiest sight to me, it seems, of my rounds was when I crossed the Rocky Mountains. I was right on the mountain top as the sun was setting, and people, you can say that is a beautiful sight to see. Then, too, the old Pacific ocean was attractive to me at first, and, is yet, but I have seen it so much it looks almost as common as the old cotton field back at home.

I have just returned from a few days visit to Cohasset beach. Talk about sleeping, the roar of the ocean makes good music to sleep by. But the vacations here are different from a vacation back in the county of Pickens. When you take a vacation here your wages stop until you return to work again. All the "hog and hominy" you get in this country, you earn, so far as the men go, but the ladies are very kind. They have often said to me, "Gee, but I would like to take a trip down south. I have noticed the southern men how kind they are to ladies. I would like to go down south, but I can agree with her why. It comes to the difference in kindness, but what she means when she says she would like to go down south, I can't understand. I am like the old darkey, right there I am quitting the road.

This is a fine climate. The summers are just grand, never too hot or too cold but just right; but in the winter it rains nearly all the time, so it is not so very cold, but oh, how wet.

I was at the Seattle Exposition, had a great time there, taking a boat ride out on Puget sound fifty miles to Brimington Island.

I wish that I could say more and hope to do so later. With best wishes to all,

M. A. Looper.

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What Cleveland Said

The genius of our institutions, the needs of our people in their home life, and the attention which is demanded for the settlement and development of the resources of our vast territory, dictate the scrupulous avoidance of any departure from that foreign policy commended by the history, the traditions and the prosperity of our republic. It is the policy of independence, favored by our position and defended by our known love of justice and by our power. It is the policy of peace suitable to our interests. It is the policy of neutrality, rejecting any share in foreign broils and ambitions upon other continents and repelling their intrusion here. It is the policy of Monroe and of Washington and of Jefferson—"Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none."

Liberty Circuit Appointments.

Liberty: 4th Sunday 11 a. m. and 1st Sunday night 7:30 p. m.
Ruhamah: 1st Sunday morning 11 a. m.
Bethlehem: 2d Sunday 11 a. m. and 4th Sunday afternoon.
Gap Hill: 3d Sunday 11 a. m.
Fairview: 3d Sunday afternoon.
Twelve Mile: 2d Sunday afternoon.